

THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1887.

The Watsessing Library.

The Watsessing Free Public Library, which is located on Dodd street near the Watsessing railroad station, has just closed the first year of its existence, with gratifying results. The room has been open to the public, and books have been issued and returned every week-day evening during the year, without any expense for help, as some one of a few volunteers from among the members has acted as librarian, in his turn. The library is out of debt and has a small fund in the treasury, and now consists of 749 volumes in all, of which 397 are miscellaneous bound books, 100 are paper covered ditto, 101 are magazines and pamphlets, and the others are Government reports. During the past twelve months 2351 books have been taken out by 232 different persons, while but one has been lost, and that was a pamphlet which was probably taken away through inadvertence by a family that left the State.

More books are greatly needed there, and liberal people cannot do better than to give this library such fiction as the works of Hawthorne, Cooper, Irving or Thackeray; or books in the departments of poetry, history, biography or travels. The old volumes which now lumber up many a garret and closet, would be welcome additions to the Watsessing Library, and would be read with avidity by people who would be benefited thereby.

The trustees wish to acknowledge in a public manner their obligations to their friends, and have requested us to publish the following list of persons who have made them donations:

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The Tariff.

The President's position upon the tariff question is at last fixed. He proposes a reduction of from fifty to one hundred millions upon custom duties. The internal revenue he would leave as it is. This may not be free trade, but it "squints" strongly in that direction. Upon the other hand Mr. Blaine in an interview with the *Tribune* has placed himself vigorously upon the side of protection to American labor. The remission of the tobacco-tax, and of the tax upon spirits used in the arts, with moderate tariff charges where such will not prove injurious to the manufacturing interests of the country, are recommended as wise and necessary. The fortification of the coast cities, and the increase of the navy are also declared to be of great importance to the country.

Workmen will not be slow to see where their interests lie. When the President's Message reached England a chorus of hallelujahs went up from manufacturers and trades-organs. The sentiment was freely expressed that with a low tariff, America can never successfully compete with England in manufactures until wages are reduced to the European rate. Work-

men are not likely to vote for low wages yet awhile.

Before his election President Cleveland declared emphatically for Civil Service Reform, and in a speech delivered in Newark, N. J. he proclaimed himself in favor of protection to labor. In both these declarations he may have been sincere. His friends assured the country that he was stronger than his party. He did not want a second term, and would raise his party to a higher standard of patriotism. Less than three years have passed. He has discovered that he wants a second term, the victory has the spoils, and labor is dependent for its protection upon the votes of republicans, and a handful of Randall democrats in the House. There is no longer any question that the party is stronger than any president. The dog will wag the tail every time.

Township Committee.

Corporations, franchises and contracts, claimed the attention of the Town's Governing Board at their regular meeting on Wednesday night. Town Council Harry E. Richards had prepared a copy of the new contract to be made with the Montclair Gas Company which was read before the committee and its various clauses discussed; some slight changes which the committee desired to make, were pointed out.

Francis Eppley who is beginning to be a frequent visitor to our town was present and brought with him a bundle of maps and law books. The street railway ordinance was looked over and all its defective points remedied. The matter of terminus and turnouts was discussed. The terminus of the Bloomfield division is to be at the Glenwood avenue depot. The terminus of the Orange division will be at or near the Centre. There will be three turnouts on the Bloomfield division, one near the residence of Mr. Peters, another near Mr. Colfax's store, and a third near the Franklin Road bridge. Cars will be run every ten minutes between Bay avenue and the Glenwood avenue depot, and every twenty minutes between Bloomfield and Orange. The ordinance as amended was introduced and will be finally disposed of at the next meeting of the committee.

Fire matters, sidewalk assessments, and the possibility of re-election, were other matters discussed by the committee.

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The charitably-inclined readers of this paper will be much interested in the following:

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